

for her students as well as invited German students to spend the year in Fair Oaks. Sybille is advisor of two clubs and opens her classroom and her heart to students who need help.

Her colleagues and students consider Sybille as the ultimate professional educator. She is always willing to take on challenges and risks to help the school and her students. She is always willing to "wear another hat" when needed. She has been the WASC (School Accreditation) Coordinator, a Department Chair, a master teacher for student teachers and a district Site Leader. Additionally, when staffing needs dictated, she has taught French and English to help the master school schedule. She has always encouraged collaboration with colleagues from all departments and is consistently on the cutting edge of new techniques in teaching. For example, she was responsible for the initial introduction of portfolios and rubrics in the Bella Vista Foreign Language department before they became routine.

I am honored to recognize an individual who has committed her life to the enhancement, enrichment and education of our youth. Through her efforts, her professional expertise and her striking and energetic personality, Bella Vista has managed to maintain a thriving German program of which we are very proud. Please join me in congratulating Sybille Irwin for being named the 2004 Fair Oaks Teacher of the Year.

### FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

### HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2004*

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I join my fellow colleagues in recognizing the extraordinary contributions of our men and women in uniform who have lost their lives while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As Memorial Day approaches, Americans are reminded of the sacrifices made by all our military service members. These courageous individuals spread the seeds of democracy to oppressed nations around the globe, helping protect and preserve the freedoms we all cherish. There's no question, our world is a safer place today because of their valiant efforts.

Today, another generation of American service members is fighting for peace and stability in the Middle East. Although they have seen great peril, these individuals, like their predecessors, continue to root out evil and terror wherever it hides. They bring honor and dignity to their mission, and they continue to make all Americans proud.

Mr. Speaker, many Americans have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan—some of which were my constituents—Private First Class Nichole Frye, Staff Sergeant Warren Hansen, Private First Class Ryan Jerabek and Corporal Jesse Thiry. Their sacrifice is a stern reminder to us all that peace comes at a heavy price, and America will not soon forget their contributions to freedom. It is with solemn honor that I, along with the citizens of Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District, recognize today the efforts of our fallen warriors.

### TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR L. LITTLEWORTH

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 1, 2004*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of our Nation's and California's eminent civic leaders and authority on water law. On May 27th, Arthur L. Littleworth was presented with the Frank Miller Civic Achievement Award for his contributions to the community. This annual award, given by the Mission Inn Foundation in Riverside, California, is a small step towards recognizing the enormous contributions by Art for his community, state and Nation.

Art Littleworth has always done the work of four men. His civic and professional engagements cannot help but serve as model to us all and include: senior partner at the law firm Best Best & Krieger, respected expert in water law, former board president of the Riverside Unified School District—playing a leading role in steering the district into voluntary integration of the schools in the mid-1960s, member of the task force that examined Riverside Police Department's use-of-force rules after the 1998 Tyisha Miller shooting, and first board president of the foundation that is honoring him. A dedicated leader, Art has willingly and unselfishly given of his time and talent to make our community and Nation a better place to live and work.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Art went to Yale University on a full scholarship earning a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in American History. He later entered the U.S. Navy and saw battle in the Pacific during the final months of World War II. Returning home he proceeded to earn a Masters in American History from Stanford University and J.D. from Yale Law School in 1950. That same year he joined Best Best & Krieger.

Art soon found himself representing a local group of ranchers in a federal case regarding Santa Margarita River water in 1958. The case would be in court for five years and have Art emerge as an expert on water law. His expertise grew to a point that the United States Supreme Court appointed him "Special Master," in 1987, in a water rights case between the States of Kansas and Colorado involving the Arkansas River. The Supreme Court unanimously approved his first major finding in this case which became precedent setting in determining damages and awarding prejudgment interest approved by Court, 533 U.S. 1. The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear his most recent ruling in this case this fall.

On the hometown front, Art's reputation also continued to grow as he served on the Riverside Unified School Board from 1958 to 1972, the last 10 years as its president. As president, Art Littleworth played a leading role in overseeing the voluntary desegregation of the district's elementary and middle schools. The feat made Riverside Unified School District the first large school district in the Nation to voluntarily integrate its white and black school children populations and brought the community together as one.

In 1976, Art took the helm as founding President of the Mission Inn Foundation to help the City of Riverside take over the bankrupt hotel and revive it to its historical beauty.

The foundation was able to improve the hotel to the point where it was able to be sold to a hotel developer a few years later. It now stands as a testament to the City of Riverside's progress and growth as a city.

Mr. Speaker, Art's tireless passion for water law and vital social issues has and will continue to contribute immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, the state of California and our Nation. I know that many community and national leaders are grateful for his service and salute him for his acceptance of the Frank Miller Civic Achievement Award—a fitting token of our appreciation and esteem.

### RECOGNITION OF BENJAMIN F. WILSON AS THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 1, 2004*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, longtime resident of the District of Columbia Benjamin F. Wilson is the immediate past chairman of the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics who served as a member of the Board since June 29, 1990 and as its Chairman from October 1, 1991 until May 24, 2004 having been appointed by three different Mayors of the District of Columbia.

The District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, a Charter independent agency, comprised of a three-member Board who are unpaid volunteers charged to carry out the agency's mission. The mission of the Board is to enfranchise eligible residents, conduct elections, and assure the integrity of the electoral process.

Since the Board's inception in 1955, he is the first chairman to serve continuously for a period of fourteen years without interruption in his service providing exceptional public service to the citizens of the District of Columbia. He is the longest serving Chairman of the Board in its 49 year history.

Mr. Wilson is to be commended for leading the Board while it carried out its mission of administering the electoral process which requires wisdom, courage, and the desire to remain focused on its vision of conducting free and impartial elections conducted in a fair, efficient, and accurate manner.

He has maintained the highest level of integrity in performing the duties of the Board displaying courage and stamina while protecting the public's interest from manipulation for personal or partisan gain respecting the rights of all and maintaining the highest level of integrity.

He has taken to heart the Board's mandate to administer an impartial electoral process for the citizens of the District of Columbia both in the conduct of elections and his commitment to assuring the integrity of our election system in the Board's role as the gatekeepers of Democracy.

Mr. Wilson has been at the forefront of the core of the Board's mission which is voter education, registration, and electoral advancement in the areas of support and technology. He has served on the Board while addressing